

ANSWERS TO QUERIES SENT BY READERS TO

The Times Question Box

Times Inquiry Department:

Will you please tell me through The Times Inquiry Department whether the United States Government acquired the old Lee homestead at Arlington? Why did they take it, and how much did they pay the Lee family for it? Also tell me if there is anything known that will rid a barnyard of fleas.

Very truly,
INQUIRER.

If you will consult the Inquiry Department of The Times of Thursday, May 25, you will find your question regarding Arlington answered fully. To rid a barnyard of fleas, I am told by an authority that nothing is better than common coal oil, sprinkled where the fleas congregate.

Times Inquiry Department:

I am only sixteen years of age, but my hair is growing quite gray in front. So I write to ask you what I shall do, as I see no reason for it, and I hate to see my hair getting gray. What will keep it dry and fluffy? Yours, A. CONSTANT READER.

A tonic for moist hair is made from four ounces of cologne or lavender water, one-half ounce of rose water, three ounces of rose water, and one-half ounce of oil of coconut.

This should be massaged into the scalp and allowed to dry.

For the premature graying I should advise thorough massage with the homey, but most effective remedy composed of two ounces of green tea, and the same of garden sage, made into a tea which should be prepared in an iron pot, and boiled in three quarts of water until it has been reduced to two quarts. This should be allowed to remain in the pot for twenty-four hours, then strained and bottled. Ten minutes must be devoted to the scalp massage every night and morning. This mixture will stain the pillow if it does not dry before retiring.

Times Inquiry Department:

Will you kindly tell me the names of the different stones in the Washington Monument, and oblige. Mrs. T. W.

I assume that you mean the memorial stones that are inside the shaft. The masonry of the interior is composed of stones presented by corporations, organizations, and the governments of the different States. About 100 of these stones were set, and many are carved and cost a considerable sum of money. Marble, fine granite, sandstone, and brownstone, as well as other stones, are utilized. Among some are those from the Corporation of Philadelphia, from Greece, Bremen, one from the Temple of Esculapian, island of Pharo; the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia, the Free Swiss Confederation, 1870; the Engine Company of Northern Liberty, Philadelphia, fire department of Philadelphia, 1882; Georgia, New York; Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, 1881; Continental Guards, New Orleans, 1886; Jefferson Society, Virginia; Grand Division, Sons of Temperance, of Illinois, 1885; the Sons of New England in Canada, Desert of Holiness (Utah) to the Lord; from Braddock's field, battle ground, Long Island; Charleston, the battle of Bunker Hill; Cherokee nation, 1885; Michigan, Vermont, Kansas, Salem, American Medical Association, Templars of Honor and Temperance, New York; Sons of Temperance, of Philadelphia; Brazil, Arabia, China, Nevada, 1881; the State of Louisiana; "Ever Faithful to the Union"; and Tennessee; "The Union, It Must Be Preserved"; the original chapel of William Tell, on Lake Lucerne, at the spot where he escaped from Gessler, and others. One beautiful stone, the gift to the United States from the Pope, was inscribed, "Rome to America," but on the night of March 5, 1864, the stone was taken by force from the building where it was stored, and it is supposed that it was thrown into the river, though careful search failed to find it. It was a block of African marble, taken from the Temple of Concord, at Rome, and at the time a great deal of religious excitement was caused by its acceptance by the United States as a gift.

Times Inquiry Department:

Will you kindly settle this dispute? A claim that the area of the District of Columbia is ten square miles, and that it is nearer seventy miles. Which is the nearer correct? Please answer as soon as possible. INTERESTED READER.

B is nearer right. The District covers an area of sixty-eight square miles.

Times Inquiry Department:

Kindly let me know what will take printer's ink out of canvas. I have a tent which I wish to use for something else, and I want to take the stamp off.

Very truly,
L. C.

If turpentine will not remove the stamp, nothing will. I do not think, however, that the stamp was placed on the canvas with printer's ink, but with a stencil and black paint. Whatever it is, if turpentine will not remove it, your case is hopeless, and you will have to make use of the canvas with the stamp as it is.

Times Inquiry Department:

What should a girl sixteen years old, of moderate means, who intends to spend the summer in the city, have in her wardrobe? S. B. N.

A dainty white frock for Sunday school and best; a dark blue linen or chambray trimmed with embroidery or braid for afternoon wear; several morning dresses of wash material, like ginghams; a middie blouse or two, to wear with a cloth skirt, and a linen suit for street wear. These, with a cloth coat or one of pongee, or a cape for evening wear, would suffice for a charming little girl of sixteen, whose youth and freshness should compensate for what her wardrobe lacks.

Times Inquiry Department:

Will you please give me directions for making a rose pillow? Truly yours, S. B. N.

Gather the roses in the morning, after the dew has evaporated, and dry them out of doors, covering them with a piece of net, so that the petals will not blow away. When a sufficient quantity has been gathered, and they are perfectly dry, stuff them into a cheesecloth or thin muslin case, and cover them with the fancy cover. Be sure that they are perfectly dry, or they may become moldy.

Times Inquiry Department:

Please kindly publish in The Times some jokes or riddles for a play, as I am to be the old maid in a play that is to be given next Tuesday night. Answer as soon as possible. F. C. H.

The best advice I can give you is to go and buy a joke book for a dime, which contains hundreds of jokes and riddles that may be adapted to your character of old maid in the play.

Times Inquiry Department:

Right here I should like to warn my correspondents against asking me to answer any particular question at any

given time. The exigencies of this department are such that it is next to impossible to promise to answer correspondents except in the order in which their letters are received, as at present my desk is piled full of letters that require research, which, of course, means that much time and thought must be given them. If letters are not answered promptly, it is because they are on subjects that cannot possibly be answered in these columns, or because no answer exists.

Times Inquiry Column:

Will you kindly publish a recipe for mint jelly, and oblige. A SUBSCRIBER.

I am told by the Domestic Science and Art School that the best method of making mint jelly is to combine it with apples, or crab apples, as mint by itself would not be satisfactory. Take any good apple or crab apple jelly recipe, and cook with it a bunch of mint, straining as you would ordinary jelly. Or, if you wish the mint jelly in a hurry, take an ordinary glass of apple or crab apple jelly, and cut up into it sufficient mint leaves to flavor it, return to the glass, and set on ice for a day. This is the method of preparing it when it is wanted as a garnish for lamb.

Times Inquiry Department:

Will you please be so kind as to tell me what value the following book may have, "A Concurrence to the Holy Scripture," published by John Hayes, Cambridge, 1672. Yours truly, A. A.

The value depends entirely upon the question of whether you can find some one that wants the book badly enough to pay whatever price you ask. My advice would be for you to take it to some dealer in second-hand books, who would place a value upon it. A great deal depends upon the condition of the binding and contents.

Times Inquiry Department:

Please tell me if it is proper for me to write to a man friend of mine a note asking him to call. He has asked to do so many times, and I have refused him. Respectfully, ANXIOUS.

To ask this young man friend of yours to call, but better still, why not invite him verbally?

Times Inquiry Department:

Will you please let me know through your Inquiry Department if I would have to take out a license for a motorcycle, to pass through Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware, if I am going to New York on a motorcycle trip? Also, can you tell me how I can purchase a road map? Very truly, L. P. R.

I am told by the secretary of the Automobile Board of the District of Columbia that it will be necessary for you to take out a license to travel through Maryland; further than that, they cannot say. You can obtain this license by applying to Leroy Mark, Colorado Building, if you will send a stamped and addressed envelope, I will send you the name of a firm handling road maps.

Times Inquiry Department:

D. D. C.—The story you mention in your communication of June 12 was not published. The Times neither does it appear in the Baltimore paper of which you speak.

Times Inquiry Department:

Will you please answer in your column when and where the actor, Everett Ruess, of the Columbia Players, was born; also his present residence in Washington? Very truly, A. TIMES READER.

Mr. Butterfield tells me that he was born in Portland, Me.; but has not taken me into his confidence regarding his age. His present residence in Washington is the Bachelor Apartments, 177 H street northwest.

Times Inquiry Department:

Would you kindly tell me whether a penny having the date of 1869 with the head of Liberty upon it, is worth anything? Very truly, A READER.

Your penny is worth from 50 cents to \$1.50, according to its condition. If you will send a stamped and addressed envelope, I will send you the name of a dealer who will probably buy it of you.

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Assistant Secretary of the Navy
And Mrs. Winthrop Return MondayRear Admiral and Mrs.
Robley Evans Go to
Bar Harbor.

The Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Beekman Winthrop, who have been spending several days in New York, are now at Lenox, Mass., guests of Grenville L. Winthrop. They will return to Washington Monday.

Commander L. Lowrey Reamey, U. S. N., and Mrs. Reamey, who have been their house on N street and have gone to New York, where they are guests for the present at the Plaza.

Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, U. S. N., and Mrs. Evans, who have been the guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Lieut. Frank T. Evans, U. S. N., and Mrs. Evans, at Newport for several weeks, left today for Bar Harbor, where they will join their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold I. Sewall, and spend the greater part of the season with them at their cottage.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Taintor to Come Here.

Lieut. Harold Hancock Taintor, U. S. A., and Mrs. Taintor, whose marriage took place recently in Washington, and who are now in Atlantic City, will arrive in Washington on June 27. They will spend a few days at the Willard before leaving for San Francisco, from where they will sail on July 5, for the Philippines, where Lieut. Taintor will be stationed.

Mme. de la Rocca Goes to Summer Home.

Mme. Peretti de la Rocca, wife of the first secretary of the French embassy, accompanied by her two young children, has gone to Buena Vista, Pa., for the season. The secretary will join his family next week.

Mrs. David Graham Adey and her daughter, Miss Lucy Adey, will leave Washington on June 25 for Beach Bluff, Mass., where they will spend the greater part of the season.

The Second Assistant Secretary of State, A. A. Adey, who went abroad in April, is now in France. He will return to Washington about the first of next month.

Mrs. Frederic G. Yune, wife of Paymaster Yune, U. S. N., accompanied by their three sons, left Washington this morning for Charming, Pa., where they will spend the season.

Mrs. Loring, wife of Dr. Francis B. Loring, has returned to Washington from the Virginia Hot Springs, where she spent several weeks.

Miss Marie Ray and Miss Antoinette Ray, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Ray, of Georgetown, and Fred Gibbs will leave Washington Monday to be members of the house party which Miss Marjorie Dorrance will entertain at her home on Eastern Shore, Maryland.

About July 1, Mrs. Ray and her daughters will go to Magnolia, Mass., for the season.

Mrs. Titian J. Coffey, accompanied by her granddaughter, Miss Evelyn show, left Washington yesterday for the Virginia Hot Springs, where they will spend a portion of the summer at the Homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Upsher Morehead will close their residence on K street today and, accompanied by their young son, will go to the Hot Springs, where they have taken a bungalow for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Mitchell and their children will go to York Harbor, Me., within a few days, for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Norton left Washington yesterday for New York.

Mrs. MacVeagh, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, will leave Washington about the middle of next week for their country place at Dublin, N. H. She is certain to be joined later in the season by the Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Darr will celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary today. On account of the recent death of Mrs. Darr's father, the arrangements made for the event will not be carried out, but Mr. and Mrs. Darr will repeat their wedding trip, leaving Washington this evening for an extended trip to Canada.

Mrs. C. W. Robertson
And Mother to Leave

Mrs. C. W. Robertson will close her apartment in the Cairo tomorrow and accompanied by her mother, Mrs. W. D. Wyville, will go to Capon Springs for the season. They will return to Washington in October.

Miss Louise Robertson left Washington yesterday to be a member of the house party which Miss Swearingin is entertaining at her summer home near Louisville, Ky. Miss Robertson will also be a member of a house party in Tennessee before joining her mother at Capon Springs.

Young People Motor to the Patuxent Club.

A party of young people chaperoned by Paymaster and Mrs. John H. Merriam, U. S. N., motored down to the Patuxent Club last night, returning early this morning, as the guests of Reginald Huddekooper.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Anna E. O'Meara and C. Frank Harper. The wedding, which took place Wednesday, June 14, at St. Charles Catholic Church, at Pikeville, Md., was performed by the Rev. E. E. McAdams.

Mrs. A. P. Pujol, wife of Representative Pujol of Louisiana, and her daughter, Miss Elaine Pujol and Miss Mona Pujol, are spending some time in Atlantic City, guests at the Chalfonte Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Granger Go to Monmouth, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Granger have closed their apartment in Florence Court and left Washington for Monmouth, Me., where they have taken a cottage for the summer. Their daughter, Mrs. Felix Holt, and her little son, accompanied them and will spend the season with them.

Chief Justice Stanton J. Peelle, of the United States Court of Appeals, and his wife will leave Washington shortly for Clifton Springs, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Levi and Mr. and Mrs. Julian Bryant will leave Washington tonight for a week-end trip to Old Point Comfort and Norfolk.

Princess Wears Dress
Which Costs a Million

Princess Chulalong, the eldest daughter of the late King Chulalongkorn, of Siam, who left an immediate progeny of some eighty sons and twenty daughters, is a great favorite at court, and recently appeared at a high social function in a harem skirt costume worth not less than \$1,000,000.

If the occidental advocates of the harem skirt will find a good one in Princess Chulalong. She has worn trousers-skirts since early childhood, and says it is the most comfortable garment in which woman can array herself. In couldn't get a harem skirt for love or money.

You may ask how it is possible to put \$1,000,000 worth of wearing apparel on one solitary female, but the amount is not exaggerated. From the rings on her fingers to the bells on her toes everything is of the most precious, and costly material.

There are slippers of the finest silk velvet, gold embroidered, and studded with diamonds worth thousands. Then come the exquisitely fine silk hose and half pearl and half velvet foot bracelets, worth a small fortune.

The harem skirt, jacket, and kirtle are of course, of the finest cloth that can be procured, and all embroidered in gold, silver, and pearls. The finger rings in themselves represent an enormous sum, while a number of bracelets do to enhance the value of the outfit considerably.

Princess Chulalong wears a collar away down over her bosom which is a marvel of workmanship and which contains jewels worth over \$250,000. Then above that is the necklace of fine pearls worth \$50,000. If the costs of the earrings and the crown are added to all this, the total of \$1,000,000 is easily reached.—New York Herald.

Stone Age Skeletons.

Workmen while laying a pipe of conduit near Astwick, North Brecks, came upon two complete human skeletons, male and female, thought to belong to the stone age.

To Trim Finger Nails.

A miniature safety razor has been invented by a Frenchman for trimming finger nails.

Miss Dorothy Chandler, of
Boston, to Wed Jacob
S. Fassett, Jr.

Mrs. Lucy B. Chandler, of Chestnut Hill, Boston, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Dorothy Chandler, to Jacob Sloat Fassett, Jr., son of former Representative and Mrs. J. Sloat Fassett, of New York. Mr. Fassett is a junior at Cornell University.

Representative and Mrs. Fassett closed their residence, 1739 N street, early in the season and are now at their summer place, "Bass Rocks," near Gloucester, Mass.

Mrs. Dwight, wife of Representative John W. Dwight of New York, will leave Washington about the first of July, for their place in western New York, where she will be joined by Mr. Dwight when Congress adjourns.

Mrs. and Mrs. Rudolf Behrend and children are spending the summer near Rockville, Md.

Mrs. and Mrs. William Hahn and family, have left Washington to spend the summer in Atlantic City.

Mrs. Ammon Behrend and son, Edgar Behrend, of Rhode Island avenue, are spending several weeks in Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Myer Nordlinger are spending the summer at Ingleside.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Herman and daughter, Miss Anita Herman, have returned to Washington from Brooklyn, where they went to attend the wedding of Miss Flora Ottenberg and Ivan Herman.

Mrs. S. Burnstein and their daughter, Miss Lillian Burnstein, who have been in New York for the past few weeks, have returned to Washington. Miss Grace Burnstein is spending the summer at Arverne, L. I.

Mrs. Morris Gusdorf and daughter, Miss Florence Gusdorf, and Mrs. Sol Herzog, who were in Newport News, have returned to Washington.

Honest Physician Found
That Trait Profitable

An interesting story is related of a San Francisco woman and her physician. The doctor performed an operation very successfully upon a wealthy woman. When asked for his bill, the physician presented one for \$50. The lady smiled.

"Do you consider that a sufficient charge, doctor?" she asked, "considering my circumstances?"

"That is my charge for the operation," he replied, "but I have nothing to do with it."

The lady drew a check for \$500 and presented it to him. He handed it back, saying, "I cannot accept this. My charge for that operation is \$50."

"Very well," the lady replied, "keep the check and put the balance to my credit."

Some months after she received a long itemized bill, upon which were entered charges of various kinds, rendered to all sorts of humanity, male and female, black and white, who had been treated at her expense. She was so delighted at it that she immediately placed an order for \$500 to his credit on the same terms, and it is now being earned in the same way.—Our Dumb Animals.

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FOR LITTLE FOLK JUST BEFORE BEDTIME

The Sandman's Stories

THE CAPTAIN'S WIFE.

CLARA and Joseph spent their summer vacation with their aunt and uncle, who lived in a seaport town.

They went to the beach every day, and when the tide was out they could run along the hard, smooth sand for a long distance.

One day they walked farther than usual, and on a point of land a little way from the water, they saw a house. As they came nearer to it Joseph said: "There is a light in the window."

"It must be the sun shining on the window pane," said Clara. "No one would have a light burning in the day time."

They were curious to see what it was and walked nearer. When they were in front of the house they saw in the window a lighted lamp.

"They forgot to blow it out," said Clara. "We ought to tell them for the people around here do not have enough money to waste in that way."

A very old lady opened the door and Joseph said: "We came to tell you that your lamp is lighted in the front window. We thought you forgot to blow it out."

The old lady smiled very sweetly and shook her head. "No," she said, "I have just filled it and lighted it. Now it will burn until night, and then I will fill it again." The children did not know just what to say, and the old lady said, "Won't you come in and see my ships?"

Joseph thanked her and she led them into the kitchen. It looked very queer to Clara and Joseph, for there were long seats built around the room and no chairs.

A table stood in one corner, so that the seats could be used when a meal was served.

"Come in here," said the old lady, "and I will show you my ships." She opened a door into the room, where the lamp was burning, and the children saw around the room ships of all kinds, from full-rigged sailing crafts to tiny rowboats.

Clara and Joseph were delighted, and asked many questions, all of which the old lady answered as well as a sea captain.

"Who made all these pretty ships?" asked Clara.

"The captain and my boys," replied the old lady, "and while they are away these ships keep me company."

"John made the smallest boat when he was only eight years old," she said, "and Tom was only twelve when he made that full rigged schooner."

"Their father made that big ship when he was on his last voyage, that was before we were married."

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